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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR QUEEN MARGRETHE'S VISIT

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1. AVAILABLE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MEMBERS OF QUEEN MARGRETHE'S OFFICIAL PARTY, INCLUDING A LATE-ADDITION, COLONEL ULF GABE-JORGENSEN, FOLLOWS:

A) PRINCESS ELISABETH WAS BORN MAY 8, 1935, AS THE OLDEST CHILD AND ONLY DAUGHTER OF THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES PRINCE KNUD AND PRINCESS CAROLINE-MATHILDE. PRINCE KNUD IS THE BROTHER OF THE LATE KING FREDERIK IX, AND PRINCESS ELISABETH IS, ACCORDINGLY, A FIRST- COUSIN OF THE QUEEEN.

PRINCESS ELISABETH, WHO IS SINGLE, HAS BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SINCE 1956 AS A FILE AND RECORDS ASSISTANT. SHE HAS BEEN WITH THE DANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SINCE 1973.

DESPITE THE CLOSE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP, THERE IS NOT MUCH PRIVATE CONTACT BETWEEN GHE TWO BRANCES OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.

B) MRS. ALETTE BARDENFLETH, NEE COUNTESS AHLEFELDT-LAURVIG, WAS BORN AUGUST 31, 1925, AS THE OLDEST DAUGHTER OF COUNT FREDERIK AHLEFELDT-LAURVIG. MRS.

BARDENFLETH IS A TRAINED SOCIAL WORKER AND WORKED AS SUCH UNTIL HER MARRIAGE TO CARL EMIL HARDENFLETH IN 1960, BETWEEN 1960 AND 1971, THE BARDENFLETHS RESIDED IN MEXICO AND BRAZIL, WHERE HE WORKED AS AN ENGINEER FOR A DANISH COMPANY. MR. BARDENFLETH DIED IN 1971 AND SHE RETURNED TO DENMARK. IN 1973, MRS. BARDENFLETH WAS APPOINTED LADY-IN-WAITING TO THE QUEEN.

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C) MR. CHRISTIAN-ULRIK HAXTHAUSEN WAS BORN JUNE 16, 1930, AS THE

YOUNGEST SON OF PROFESSOR HOLGER HAXTHAUSEN, M.D., AND WIFE ELSE, THE FORMER COUNTESS AHLEFELDT-LAURVIG. THE HAXTHAUSEN FAMILY IS OLD DANISH ARISTOCRACY.

FOLLOWING HIS ECONOMICS DEGREE IN 1958, HAXTHAUSEN TOOK A POSITION IN THE DANISH FOREIGN SERVICE. HE WORKED IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNTIL 1963, AND WAS STATIONED AT THE DANISH EMBASSY IN PARIS FROM 1963 TO 1966. AFTER ABOUT A YEAR IN COPENHAGEN, HE WAS DETAILED AS U.N. ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO TUNIS IN JULY 1968 AND IN OCTOBER HE WAS SENT TO LONDON AS FIRST SECRETARY AND CONSUL. HE RETURNED TO COPENHAGEN IN 1972 AND, IN JANUARY 1973 HE WAS POSTED TO WASHINGTON AS COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

HAXTHAUSEN IS UNMARRIED. IN 1963, HE ACCOMPANIED THE THEN CROWN PRINCESS MARGRETHE ON HER TOUR OF THAILAND. HAXTHAUSEN HOLDS A RESERVE COMMISSION IN THE ROYAL LIFEGUARD REGIMENT.

D) DR. TROELS VARMING WAS BORN AUGUST 12, 1913, THE SON OF LUTHERAN MINISTER CHRISTIAN VARMING.

FOLLOWING STUDIES AND A MEDICAL DEGREE IN 1938, DR. VARMING SERVED AT A NUMBER OF HOSPITALS IN THE COPENHAGEN AREA. ALTHOUGH NOW A GENERAL PRACTITIONER, DR. VARMING HAS SPECIALIZED IN DERMATOLOGY. SINCE 1956, HE HAS BEEN A SENIOR MEDICAL ADVISOR TO THE DANISH NAVY.

E) CHAMBERLAIN, LT. COLONEL ULF GABEL-JORGENSEN WAS BORN AUGUST 9, 1925, THE SON OF COLONEL CARL GABEL-JORGENSEN.

AFTER A TRADITIONAL ARMY CAREER, WHICH INCLUDED SERVICE WITH SHAPE, WITH THE DANISH LIFEGUARD, AND WITH THE HOMEGUARD, GABEL-JORGENSEN WAS PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN 1968 AND APPOINTED MASTER OF CEREMONIES TO KING FREDERIK IX, AN APPOINTMENT THAT WAS RE-CONFIRMED BY THE QUEEN WHEN SHE ASCENDED TO THE THRONE IN 1972.

COLONEL GABEL-JORGENSEN IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER ANN VERONICA SNADDON, WHO WAS BORN IN ENGLAND, AND THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN.

F) SOME BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MRS. PETER DYVIG IS AVAILABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT IN REFRAIR.

2. AVAILABLE PHOTOS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED SEPARATELY TO CHARLES W. SCHALLER, EUR/NE.

3. REMAINING BIOGRAPHIES WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS OBTAINED.  
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